

Smuggling of Gold and Narcotic Drugs

2567. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the major commodities including narcotic drugs and gold which were smuggled into the country, the main sources of their smuggling and the countries through which these reach India;

(b) the estimated quantity of each of the above items which reach India yearly, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to curb smuggling effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Available re-

ports indicate that gold, silver, electronic goods etc. continued to be favoured for smuggling into the country by smuggling syndicates operating from Dubai, Hongkong and Singapore. India also continues to be affected by the transit traffic of heroin from across the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Burma borders for onward clandestine export to Western destinations mainly through Bombay and Delhi Airports. Hashish and ganja have also been reported to be sensitive to smuggling into the country, mainly from Nepal and/or Pakistan.

Since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not possible to estimate the quantity of each of the above items which reach in India every year from different countries. However, the value/quantity of gold, heroin, hashish and ganja seized in 1989, 1990 and 1991 (upto October, 1991) are given in the table below:

<i>Value (Rs. in crores)</i>			
	1989	1990	1991*
Gold	Rs. 259.60 (8215 Kgs)	Rs. 192.96 (5721 kgs)	Rs. 156.53 (4269 Kgs)
Heroin	2714 Kgs	2193 Kgs	534 Kgs
Hashish	8179 Kgs	6388 Kgs	3244 Kgs
Ganja	54463 Kgs	39090 Kgs	46158 Kgs

* Figures are provisional.

(c) The anti-smuggling agencies are on the alert to check the smuggling of the above items. The emerging trends and new modus operandi are being studied and disseminated to the field formations are obtaining better results. Close co-ordination is being maintained between all the agencies such as the Customs, Border Security Force, Coast Guard, Narcotics Control Bureau, Director-

ate of Revenue Intelligence etc which are concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling.

Trishul Missile

2568. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent tests of the Naval version of the Trishul missile at Chandipur range have confirmed its capability as a ship launched, sea-skimming, antiship missile similar to the French Exocet weapon system;

(b) if so, its technical capability as compared to the Exocet missile; and

(c) when it is likely to be inducted into regular service?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) TRISHUL is a surface-to-air missile and not an anti-ship missile like the Exocet missile. In naval version TRISHUL has capability to destroy the sea-skimmer anti-ship missiles. Naval version of TRISHUL has been successfully flight tested from Interim Test Range Chandipur.

(b) Does not arise. TRISHUL and EXOCET are missiles of different classes.

(c) TRISHUL naval version is likely to be inducted into regular service by the Navy in 1993.

[Translation]

Compensation to Persons Affected due to Acquisition of Land for Field Firing Range in Bikaner Distt.

2569. **SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahajan Field Firing Range was established after acquiring the land of 34 Villages of Bikaner district in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether full compensation has been paid to the residents of these villages; and

(c) if not, the time by which the Government propose to pay the remaining amount of compensation to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Mahajan Field Firing Range was established by acquiring the land of 33 villages of Bikaner district in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c). Full compensation was deposited by Ministry of Defence with the local civil authorities. The entitled persons have been paid compensation except where, due to disputes, the amount is held by the Court.

[English]

Allocation of Funds to Karnataka from Central Road Fund

2570. **SHRI G. MADEGOWDA:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Karnataka from the Central Road Fund during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of amount sanctioned for different projects and the amount actually released during the above period; and

(c) the funds proposed to be released during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Amounts allocated and actually released to Karnataka during last three years are as given below:-